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DIARY NOTES

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7 November 1962

1. I have asked Emmett Echols to explore with the Recreation Association the possibility of undertaking Christmas decorations on a limited scale in the lobby or in front of the headquarters building.

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2. I conducted a meeting attended by Larry Houston, [REDACTED] and Johnny Bross, [REDACTED] and Mr. Kirkpatrick to discuss our early retirement legislation. It was the consensus that it would be preferable if the House Armed Services Committee would permit us to submit the "short form" in lieu of the "long form". It was also the consensus that, while it might be desirable for us to pick up some of the advantages of the Civil Service system, this might jeopardize our chances of success. It could be alleged that we are trying to have the best of both worlds. Since Congressman Porter Harbo appeared to be the most insistent on the long form, it was agreed that he should be approached to see if he would now agree to the short form. [REDACTED] is to do this.) If so, then we should check informally with the other Committee members. (We are all anxious to ensure that this legislation is introduced during the very early stages of the next session of Congress.)

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3. Inasmuch as we have received requests for salaries for [REDACTED] personnel as high as \$35,000 a year, I met with Pete Scoville, Larry Houston, Johnny Bross, Emmett Echols, and others to discuss this project and the propriety of these salaries. The project is most extensively engaged at the moment in support of OXCART. They also contemplate a considerable expansion to do research in support of the Clandestine Services. There appears to be considerable lack of understanding between DD/R and DD/P as to what this means and from where the money is coming. In any case, however, we felt that we had no alternative but to recommend approval of these salaries at this time. I again told Pete Scoville that I thought it was indicative of extremely sloppy administration when they submit requests on 5 November which they want to be made effective on 1 September. He apologized for this and ensured me that this would not happen again.

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4. Shef Edwards was in to talk to me about supergrades. He wanted to promote Messrs. [REDACTED] I told him that he could go ahead with [REDACTED] but he would have to wait on [REDACTED] until we see what the total DD/S increase is going to look like for this fiscal year.

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